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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 19 and 34-47 are pending. Claim 19 is amended. The basis for the amendment can be found, for example, at page 13, line 30 to page 14, line 7 and page 35, line 21 to page 39, line 18. Claims 2-15, 17, 18, and 20-33 are canceled without prejudice to their presentation in a future application. All pending claims are indicated as allowable pending resolution of the remaining 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph issue.

Claims 19 and 34-47 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as allegedly incomplete. In order to further prosecution, Applicants have amended claim 19 to more clearly describe the invention. In particular, the amended claim more clearly describes the relationship between the compound and the nucleic acid is further in step (a) and the desired outcome in step (b). Applicants believe that these amendments address the points raised in the Office Action and respectfully ask for reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

As a final matter, Applicants thank the Examiner for the acknowledgement of our Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 15, 2001. However, we do not have a record of an acknowledgement of the original IDS filed with the application on March 14, 2001. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner provide Applicants with an initialed copy of the PTO-1449.

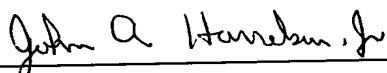
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It is believed all of the claims presently before the Examiner patentably define the invention over the prior art and are otherwise in condition for ready allowance. An early Office Action to that effect is, therefore, earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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